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Subject: SE Chicago EJ Advocate Meeting Summary

Doug,

There were general discussions and a number of asks directed to Region 5. The meeting first focused on air monitoring concerns, issues, recommendations both facility specific and for the area in general. It then turned to soil contamination concerns and Superfund.

Regarding SH Bell, there was an interest in what soil cleanup levels removal is using. Debbie Chizewer was particularly interested. We briefly discussed the removal action levels and noted removal always focusing their initial efforts on sensitive populations, where appropriate. Interior dust was raised by one of the local advocacy members but that discussion got sidetracked by another topic (I can't recall what it was). I noted the differences between our removal and remedial authorities and very briefly talked about how we'd go about investigating properties; i.e., getting access, sampling the yard, excavation and restoration. Emphasizing removal triggers for action but remedial numbers for cleanup.

Regarding Watco, we noted the startup of that work this spring.

One of the asks from the group to for Superfund and ARD to work together so that SFD doesn't cleanup properties as risk for recontamination. Cathy expressed her pleasure on how well the two divisions were working together already and reassured the group we'd continue to work together.

Someone else expressed concern about cumulative risks and we generally discussed the challenges of addressing cumulative risk/exposure as the agency is currently structured. Cathy did emphasize that the realignment will improve our enforcement coordination.

Regarding Schroud, I mentioned that it's in the hopper for listing but that the upcoming listing announcement has been delayed. The discussion for Schroud was lengthy. They're main concern is currently access and signage. I mentioned that larger barricades are being brought to the site. They recommended our removal program consider fencing in those areas most prone to trespassing. They'd like to see bigger/better signage. Cathy asked them to think about what'd they'd like to see and then work with us on options. Cathy is interested in visiting the site when the weather warms and the ground is dryer. The advocate's noted that they really liked a joint EPA/community meeting held last summer. They didn't give more details but really liked the idea that the community was on the panel along with EPA. Alan Walts agreed to be out conduit with the advocates regarding security and signage ideas.

Near the end there was a brief mention of the Calumet Cluster site. A citizen said she hadn't seen an update in 5 or 6 years. I mentioned that I recalled when IEPA turned the lead back over to EPA but since then I hadn't heard much. Someone in the meeting suggested that they believe that after IEPA returned the site to EPA and EPA may have returned the lead back to IEPA. This I'm confirming but at a minimum 5 or 6 years is too long to have not communicated progress with a community, assuming this assertion is accurate. I've reached out the Shari Kolak to get an update.

Finally, Cathy committed to meeting periodically with this group to keep everyone updated. Not timeframe/frequency was locked down.

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